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REACHING FOR THE STARS—ON A FLYING BICYCLE

Young aviation experts after a £5,000 prize

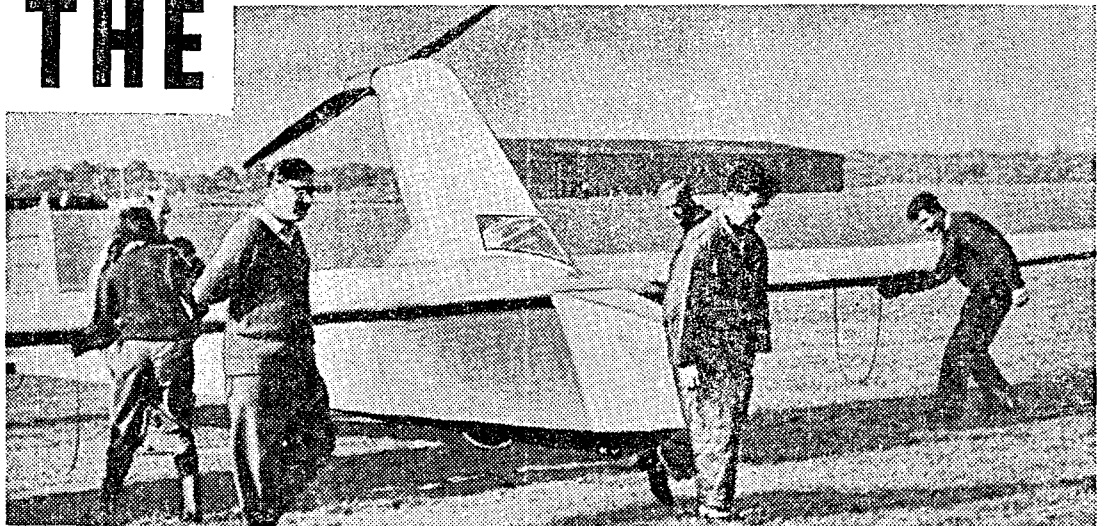
For hundreds of years Man has dreamed of flying under his own power. So far, it has remained just a dream—but now it looks like becoming a practical possibility, thanks to London businessman Mr. Henry Kremer.

Eighteen months ago Mr. Kremer offered a £5,000 prize for the first man-powered plane to cover a mile in the air. And since then enthusiasts all over the country have been busy calculating horse-power needed, designing gears and drives, and building remarkable contraptions. Any day now the first one may take to the air.

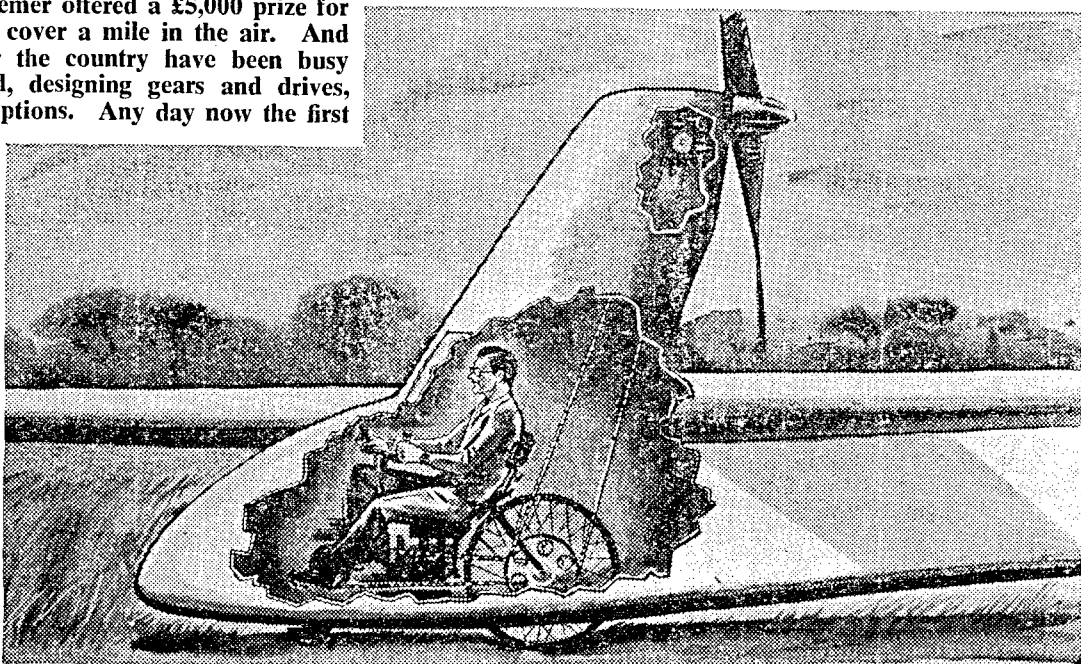
FIRST man to try for the prize was John Davies, a 28-year-old schoolmaster of Hastings. Last month he wheeled his home-made, pedal-driven helicopter into a field, pedalled like mad, and raised his eyes hopefully to the sky. But nothing happened. He remained ground-borne.

Various adjustments were made, and Mr. Davies tried again—with the same negative result. The "Helipede" was packed away; but John Davies is convinced that before long he will overcome the "teething troubles" and soar into the air.

Favourite to become the first pilot to fly under his own power is Martin Hyman, also a 28-year-old schoolmaster but better known



Wheeling out the pedal-powered glider at Lasham aerodrome. Left: An artist's impression of how the plane will be driven.



could produce a large power output for a short time but could not match the sustained effort of a long-distance runner. Also, Martin is very lightly built.

Aviation experts calculate that it requires one-half horse-power to get a machine off the ground and one-third horse-power to maintain flight. This is well within the compass of a superbly-fit athlete like Martin Hyman.

Details of how the plane works are still secret, but it is known that it will be powered in much the same way as a "farthing-penny" bicycle, with a chain drive turning the propeller.

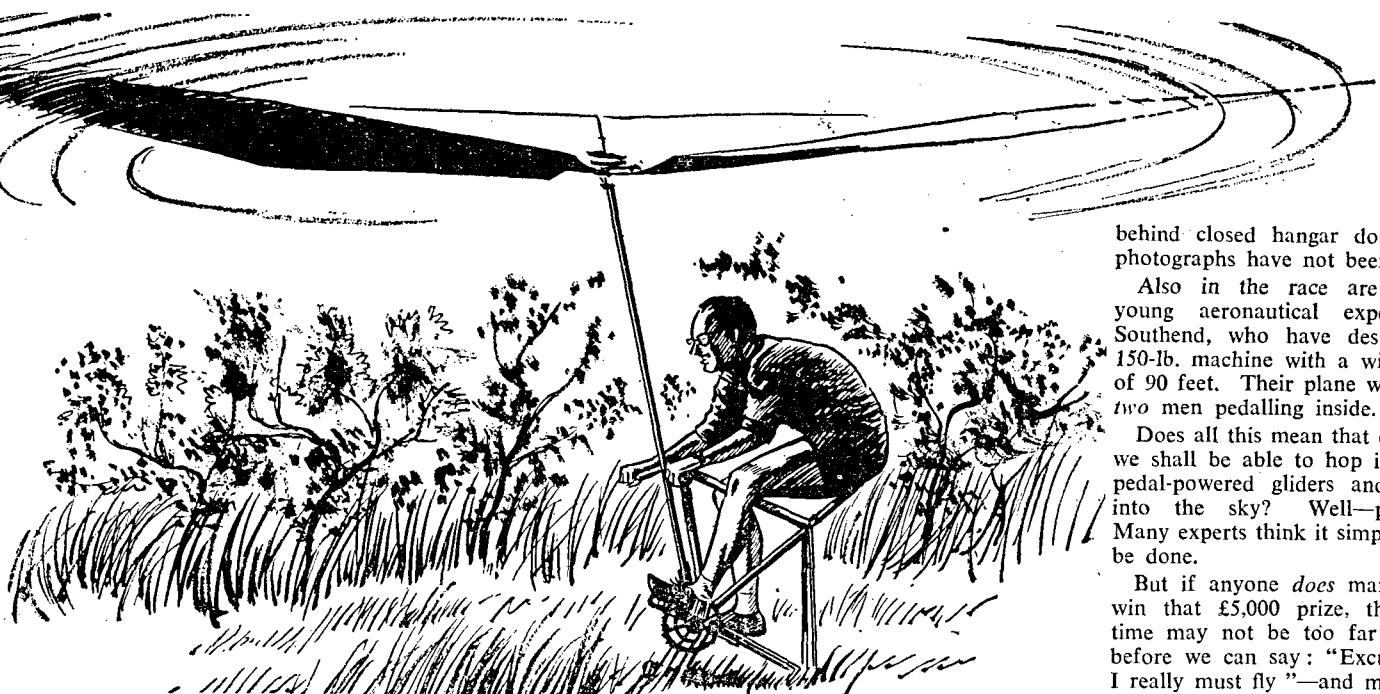
Also shrouded in secrecy is the work of a group of technicians at the de Havilland Aircraft Company who are spending much of their spare time developing their project. The work is carried on

as Britain's fastest six-mile runner and Olympic athlete.

Martin has been chosen to pilot the machine designed by aeronautical experts at Southampton University. Weighing only 130 lb. but with a wing-span of 80 feet, this machine has been under test recently at Lasham aerodrome in Hampshire and an attempt on the mile-long flight is expected any day now.

Martin Hyman has been insured for £40,000 on his flying attempt, but he is not unduly alarmed about the dangers. "I might break a limb if anything went wrong," he says, "but it is not likely to be anything fatal."

Why choose an athlete and not a cyclist? It seems that cyclists



The man who failed—John Davies and his "Helipede"

behind closed hangar doors and photographs have not been taken.

Also in the race are twelve young aeronautical experts of Southend, who have designed a 150-lb. machine with a wing-span of 90 feet. Their plane will have two men pedalling inside.

Does all this mean that one day we shall be able to hop into our pedal-powered gliders and climb into the sky? Well—perhaps. Many experts think it simply can't be done.

But if anyone *does* manage to win that £5,000 prize, then the time may not be too far distant before we can say: "Excuse me, I really must fly"—and mean it!

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Readers' Letters

Here are some "news and views" from CN readers. Why not write to me this week, at Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

—The Editor.

Care on the crossings

Dear Sir,—People often complain about motorists not stopping at Zebra Crossings—but the pedestrians do not help. Groups of people stand talking at the crossings so that motorists never know if they want to cross or not. Children should be told that motorists must be given enough time to stop before they attempt to cross, as some think they can go any time and are quite safe.

A little thought from both motorists and pedestrians will save many lives.

Anne Williment (13), Norwich
I quite agree. And remember, motorists need even more time to stop on icy or wet roads. Ed.

Good value

Dear Sir,—I was having an egg for breakfast one day and when I cracked the shell and dropped the contents in the frying pan, I noticed that it had three yolks.

Peter Owen Espley, Doncaster

Smugglers' lair

Dear Sir,—I would like to write to you about the famous Cornish inn made famous by Daphne du Maurier's novel *Jamaica Inn*. We went to see it on holiday this year.

It is a very old coaching inn and has a lot of the furniture, casks and ornaments used by the smugglers and coachmen a long, long time ago. The outside of the inn is stone and there are heavy wooden shutters at the windows. There is a Children's Bar where there are old coaching horns and casks and a model well.

I like thrillers.

Shelagh Mason (aged 8),

Bishop's Stortford

Yes, Shelagh, it's a fine old inn and I know it well. Ed.

Good Samaritan

Dear Sir,—I wondered if any CN reader would like to join a wonderful club. It is the Junior Samaritan Club. There is a baby-sitting service and there is always something to do, keeping other people happy, and Junior Samaritans never forget their animal friends. There are now about 9,000 members. Please write to me at The Junior

Samaritan Club, 36 Honeysuckle Drive, Bell Green, Coventry, Warwickshire. With full name, address and birthdate.

Christine Anne Dawson,

Bell Green, Coventry

P.S. Please publish my letter.

Right, Christine—we have. Ed.

Hiding place of King Robert Bruce

Dear Sir,—Last Easter my parents and myself went on a tour of Scotland. I visited many interesting places, but what I enjoyed most was the cave where King Robert Bruce hid from his English pursuers.

The cave was hewn out of the cliff face above the River Kirtle by Stone Age men using flint chisels. The floor of the cave is sloping and there is a ledge in one wall which was probably used as a table. After the time of Robert Bruce, the cave was used for hiding prisoners.

Margaret Rollason,

Birmingham 32

That Channel Tunnel

Dear Sir,—With regard to the Channel problem, I am all for progress but let the Channel be, please! England and France have

been tackling this problem for years. We started to build a tunnel that was never finished; why start now? We have spoilt the land; leave the sea alone.

Alan Hastings, Chingford

I'm sorry to disagree with you, Alan, but I think a Channel tunnel or bridge would bring great benefits to this country. After all, we may not like pylons strung across our countryside—but they do bring electricity to most of our people.

Incidentally, the tunnel referred to was started in 1876 and abandoned in 1882. The English and French both bored for a distance of 2,000 yards. Ed.

Islands in a lake

Dear Sir,—For our holiday this year we stayed at a little town called Walpole, in Suffolk. About 17 miles away there is a place called Thorpeness, where there is a small lake with islands. All of these have different names like Smugglers' Cave and Peter Pan Island.

Alison Hooper,

Bexley, Kent

As a matter of fact, I spent part of my holiday near Thorpeness and went boating on the lake. Delightful spot. Ed.

C N Club in Gambia

Here is a letter from West Africa where a reader has formed local CN readers into a club. After telling us the names of its officers he goes on:—

Dear Sir,—Our aim is to correspond with children all over the world. Our rules are, 1. To care for poor people. 2. To help other people at all time. 3. To help the sick and suffering.

We are also interested about pen friends affairs. We also have two big elder people who guide us.

M. Mbye, P.O. Box 494,

Bathurst, Gambia

Congratulations and carry on the good work. Ed.

A folder for his C N's

Dear Sir,—In my spare time I read CN. I have been saving them since July 1959. I keep them in a big folder which is called Children's Newspaper Magazine. I also save German Magazines called *Das Rad*. My favourite subject in school is German. I am a keen footballer.

Alan Wilkins,

Stechford, Birmingham

Good idea, Alan. Ed.

Here it is - a dream of a gift!

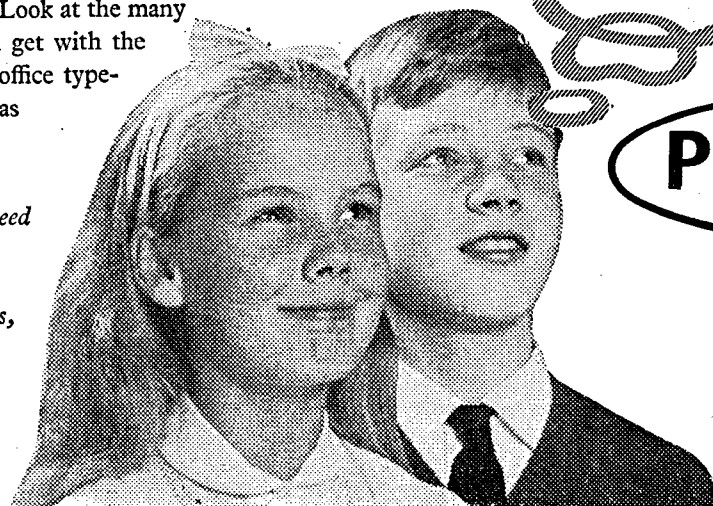
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She holds a great family together

By a Special Correspondent

When Princess Elizabeth heard that she was Queen she was in Africa—as she is now.

Her father, George VI, died on 6th February, 1952, as the Princess and Prince Philip were on their way to tour Australia and New Zealand. Since then the Queen and her husband have visited 15 Commonwealth and colonial countries, including two trips to Canada.

SCOUT BRAVERY

The Cornwell Badge, Scouting's highest award, has been won by William Morris (14) of Dundee.

A polio victim, he has spent over five years in hospital encased in plaster, and has undergone at least five operations.

Well on the way to becoming a First Class Scout, William is now preparing for the Basket Maker and Leather Worker Badges. But he has to work lying face down on his bed with his materials on a stool in front of him.

Another hero is Rover Scout Laurence Duff of Sandown, Isle of Wight, who has won the Silver Cross for Gallantry. While working on the beach this Summer he saved no fewer than six people from drowning.

Supporters' Magazine

A new magazine, *Today's Children*, has been published for the thousands who support the Save the Children Fund. It will appear once a term and tell about the life of children in those countries where the Fund works.

In 1960-61 the S.C.F. raised over £1,000,000.

THEIR present West African tour of Ghana, Sierra Leone, and Gambia underlines the value and importance of Royal visits to the ever-changing Commonwealth.

As Head of the Commonwealth the Queen is "above politics," and when she speaks of "my people" she means the people as a whole, not a section of them. As Sovereign she holds the great Commonwealth "family" together.

This unity is important. The thousand million people of the Commonwealth can influence world events for good so long as they remain united.

Individual countries, too, can be influenced by the Sovereign's very presence.

Recent troubles in Ghana, for instance, seemed to melt when our lovely young Queen appeared on the scene.

There was some doubt whether



she would go there at all. On the "advice" of her own Prime Minister and of President Nkrumah of Ghana she decided to go.

But had they advised "No" she could have exercised her prerogative (as the Sovereign's right to make up her own mind is called) and rejected their advice. Fortunately her advisers were of the same mind as she was.

Of course, these Commonwealth Royal tours are also good for trade. Apart from local shop sales, which immediately begin to boom, the country visited is put right "on the map." And that is good for its long-term relations with other countries.

ANIMALS THEIR BUSINESS

The Briggs family of Catford, in south-east London, keep animals for use in films and on television. Not long ago they supplied 23 poodles for the Cliff Richard film, *The Young Ones*. Here Mrs. Briggs watches as eight-year-old Sean feeds a lamb.

New landmark for Channel seamen

Shipping off the Essex coast will be guided by a new landmark in due course. For a 25-story block of flats is to rise at Walton-on-the-Naze.

The new building will be 250 feet high and the top of it will be about 300 feet above sea-level. It will thus be twice as high as the tower on the Naze which was built as a seamark in the days of the Napoleon wars.

Highway Code for deaf children

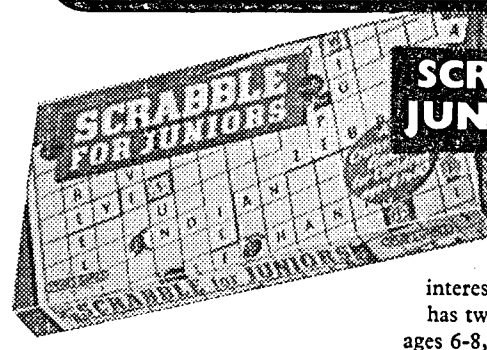
A Highway Code for Britain's 10,000 deaf children has been published. They understand fewer words than the rest of us and find many in the official code perplexing, so a number of words have been changed. "Junction," for example, which has no meaning for them, becomes "a place where roads meet," and "traffic" becomes "a lot of buses, lorries, cars, and bicycles on the road."

NEWS FLASH

A blinding flash and a big bang occurred at Carlisle the other day when a workman pierced a high-voltage cable with an iron bar. The bar melted, hundreds of people suffered a power-failure in their homes. The workman walked away unharmed.

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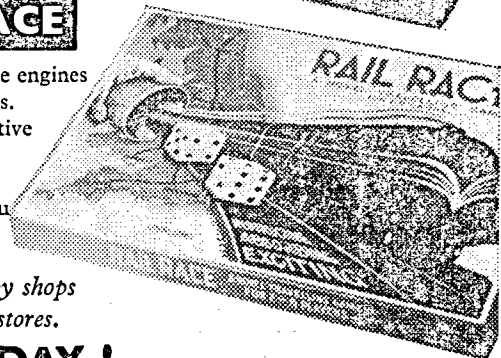
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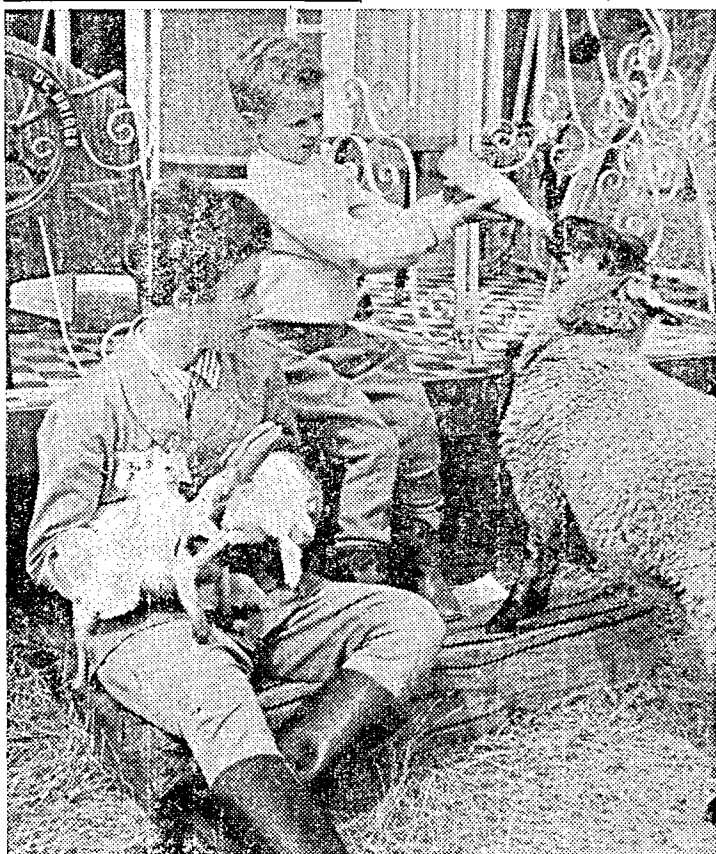


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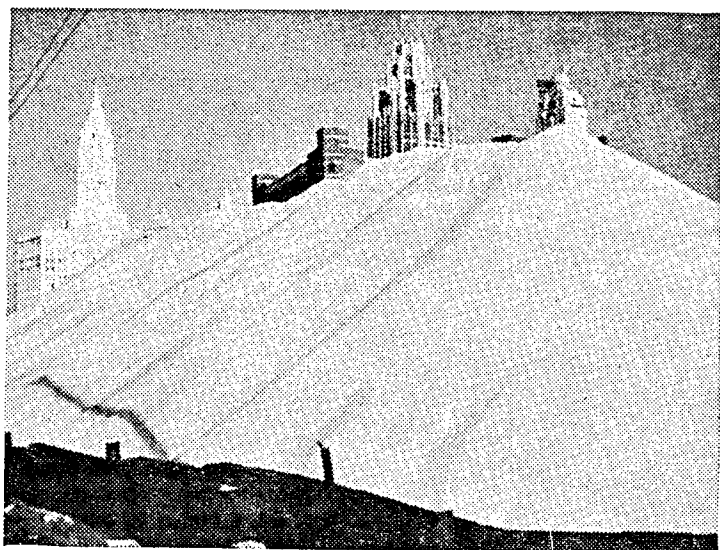
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THIS WIDE WORLD



IF WINTER COMES TO CHICAGO

The picture appears to show the tops of buildings peeping from a city engulfed. But the illusion is created by a small mountain of sand which will be spread over the surface of the streets when winter clutches Chicago in its icy grasp

Dead Sea brings land back to life

Potash, a fertiliser which puts more life into the soil, is to be produced from the Dead Sea Works in Israel at the rate of 600,000 tons a year. This will enable more crops to be grown in Africa and Asia, where populations are growing more rapidly than their food supply.

Chinese cricket season

You may have heard of the Cricket on the Hearth, but have you heard a cricket sing lately? Years ago these little creatures were quite common in this country. Nowadays they are comparatively rare.

But in China there is a thriving cricket-selling industry. At this time of the year men go out into the fields to catch crickets for wholesale dealers. The noisy little insects are captured and popped into containers with enough air, but with holes so small that they cannot escape.

If you visit a Chinese marketplace in the Autumn, you may see, among the busy stalls and wayside shops, the cricket pedlar. He trots along with a long pole across his shoulders and little wicker cages hanging from each end. He does not need to cry his wares; the noise from the crickets imprisoned in the tiny plaited cages is terrific and the chirruping makes folk turn their heads. Such pedlars do a brisk business and many dollars change hands.

Pets under the pillows

Crickets are supposed to bring good luck, and wealthy Chinese keep hundreds of them in jars in their homes. Travellers carry their unusual pets about with them—maybe up their sleeves or in a pocket. Yet others put the cases under their pillows to sing them to sleep.

Experts can identify different kinds of crickets by their singing. They give them typically Oriental names like "Jewel of the City" or "Thousand Bells."

And the deafening noise? Well, the Chinese don't mind a bit. In their view, only gloom and unhappiness are suggested by quiet, so the more chirrups the better!

HAPPY HANDSHAKE

A Karachi camel driver has just had a trip to U.S.A.—and all arranged by the U.S. Vice-President himself.

When Mr. Lyndon Johnson visited Pakistan in May and stepped from his car to greet hundreds of friendly faces, the first man he shook hands with was Bashir the camel-driver.

"Come over to see me in America," invited the Vice-President.

The story was reported in the Pakistan Press and then arrangements were made in America. The trip was on.

During his travels Bashir visited the White House and had a chat with President Kennedy.

SCOUTS SEEK LOST CITY

Senior Scouts of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, are to search for a lost city of the Kalahari Desert. The place was described by an explorer who saw it in 1886 as, "a white crescent-shaped wall that looked like the great wall of China after an earthquake. Within the wall were strange dish-shaped depressions of stone".

The Scouts have checked all available maps of the area, and feel that they have enough information to lead them to the ruins.

Who could have built this city is certainly a mystery. The only inhabitants of the remote Kalahari desert are the little nomadic Bushmen, primitive people who live entirely by hunting. The Scouts may come across some of them during their expedition, which is to begin at the end of this year.

Bagpipes on the bound

Many a kangaroo bounding through the Australian bush may end up as bagpipes. For hundreds of years the wind-bags of the pipes have been made from sheepskins.

However, it seems that these are now losing favour with Scottish pipers. The skin of the kangaroo, an animal now regarded in Australia as a pest, is said to last longer and be more pliable.

CREEPY

American scientists are planning a creeping robot which they hope to land on the Moon as early as 1963. It will have six legs and be able to explore at two m.p.h. Controlled from the Earth, its "eyes" will televise pictures of the Moon's surface as it creeps about.

WINDY

People going recently to one of the two cinemas at Kalundborg, Denmark, found that the roof had been torn off in a gale. So they went to the other cinema and saw *Gone With The Wind*.

It's feeding time for the shark



This remarkable picture shows a diver actually feeding a shark. It was taken at the Shark Research Station and Aquarium in Durban, South Africa, where all fish and turtles are hand-fed to ensure that each creature gets a fair share.

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A giant relief map seemed to be the answer, so he enlisted the help of Derek Freeborn, who has worked on special effects for other BBC programmes. He and his associates set to work at his Teddington studio. For three weeks, often working late at night, they have built up a map measuring 8 feet by 6 feet on a base of block board. The whole weighs about three hundredweight.

So that the heights can be more readily understood on the two-dimensional TV screen, the vertical contours have been exaggerated 15 times. They are pro-



Derek Freeborn, left, and some of his helpers

duced in Plasticine—30 lb. in all were used—which was then hardened with a special solution.

There are eight ranges of altitude from sea-level to around

SPIKE MILLIGAN, perhaps the "gooniest" of all the Goons, comes on to the air at 9 o'clock next Saturday morning as the disc jockey in *Children's Favourites in the Light*.

This is the programme that wins a nine-and-three-quarter million audience. Viewers and listeners alike make it their weekly radio date. Never until now has it had the Milligan touch.

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it. He wrote to Miss Anna Instone, Head of BBC Gramophone Programmes, offering to comper a children's record programme. Before you could say "Goon," along came the chance of *Children's Favourites*.

"To me," says Spike, "children are the most important people in the world and I hope to make the programme as entertaining as possible by introducing a few original ideas of my own."

We all know how original Spike can be, so look out for six weeks of surprises!

Spike Milligan, who has three children of his own, was born in India 43 years ago. One of his first jobs was as a van boy. He was a draughtsman, then a salesman, before becoming a band



musician. He made his fellow-players laugh so much that he decided he could make a living as a funny man.

The Pimpernel is back again

ONE of the first ITV programme casualties as a result of the actors' strike was Associated Television's Sunday afternoon serial, *Strange Concealments*, about which I wrote a fortnight ago. I understand it will now be held over until the New Year, follow-



Marius Goring

ing an ABC Television serial about nuclear submarines.

Meanwhile, *The Scarlet Pimpernel* has reappeared to fill the 4 o'clock spot on Sundays. Some of the episodes have been seen before, but others are new to the screen, although filmed several years ago. Marius Goring is seen as Sir Percy Blakeney, with Anthony Newlands as his friend Lord Richard Hastings.

Sunday's story, *The Christmas Present*, tells how Sir Percy has his Christmas peace shattered by news that Chauvelin has made an important arrest near Nantes.

MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING AUTHOR

A VICTORIAN six-part mystery thriller called *Coldharbour* comes up in BBC junior radio in the Home Service on Friday. It is written by that practised weaver of spells, Aubrey Feist, who achieved the first of many radio successes with *The Lashwood Inheritance* in Children's Hour five years ago.

Ever since then David Davis, Junior Programmes chief, has been getting letters asking for a repeat. His answer is to offer us *Coldharbour*, which, he says, is set in the same period, about the year 1868.

It tells how a young freelance writer, Rolyon Brown (Denis Groacher) meets the lovely Barbara Diggon (Prunella Scales) on an assignment which takes him from London to an imaginary village, Foyning, in the South Downs, to investigate the disappearance of a famous author.

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FRANK CHACKSFIELD: *Theme From King Of Kings* on Decca F11393. This is an inspiring theme for a film which has been long-awaited and which tells the story of the first days of Christianity. (45. 6s. 9d.)

SNOW WHITE AND THE THREE STOOGES on Philips BBL 7504. This is the soundtrack from a new American film which brings back The Three Stooges, a very popular comedy trio a few years ago. (LP. 37s. 2d.)

DAME EDITH EVANS: *The First Christmas* on HMV 7EG119. One of Britain's most celebrated actresses, Dame Edith Evans, is the narrator of this musical tale of the first Christmas Day. The Chorleywood College Blind Children's Choir sing familiar carols. (EP. 11s. 6d.)

SAUTER—FINEGAN: *The Return of the Doodletown Fifers* on United Artists CLP1469. Edward Sauter and William Finegan have long been interested in the possibilities of strange sounds in recorded music. They have an excellent band which makes good listening for those interested in purely orchestral discs. (LP. 35s. 3d.)

SADLER'S WELLS OPERA: *La Vie Parisienne* on HMV CLP1468. This recording recaptures all the mischief and enthusiasm of the famous Offenbach operetta. (LP. 35s. 3d.)

HENRY MANCINI: *Breakfast At Tiffanys* on RCA1256. After just a few bars of this haunting film theme melody one feels anxious to see the new Audrey Hepburn picture. (45. 6s. 9d.)

ELLA FITZGERALD: *Get Happy* on HMV CLP1455. On this recording Ella Fitzgerald gives us songs by Gershwin and Irving Berlin. The lyrics are especially good. (LP. 35s. 3d.)

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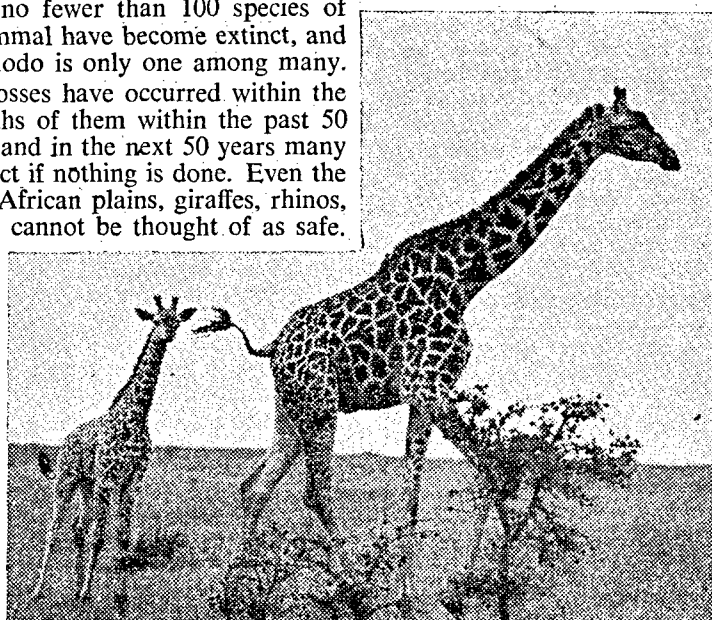
DURING the past 2,000 years no fewer than 100 species of bird and 100 species of mammal have become extinct, and vanished from the earth. The dodo is only one among many.

The great majority of these losses have occurred within the past hundred years and two-fifths of them within the past 50 years. The pace is quickening, and in the next 50 years many more animals may become extinct if nothing is done. Even the teeming wild game of the East African plains, giraffes, rhinos, elephants, zebras, and antelopes cannot be thought of as safe.

This is an emergency for the world's wildlife recently declared by a group of eminent zoologists, including Sir Julian Huxley and Peter Scott. Action is needed to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy seeing the same wildlife that we ourselves can see. And quick action is rarely possible without spending money.

So naturalists, zoologists, nature lovers, and country lovers all over the world have come together in a supreme effort to collect the money needed to help save the world's wildlife. They have founded, at a meeting held in London not long ago, the World Wildlife Fund.

The Fund is under very distinguished auspices. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has agreed to be its patron, and the British Appeal, which is to be launched in a few weeks' time, will be headed by the Duke of Edinburgh in his capacity as President of the Zoological Society of London. Among the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund are two British naturalists,



Mother Giraffe and baby in the Royal Nairobi National Park
Kenya Information Service

Peter Scott and Guy Mountford, the Hon. Secretary of the British Ornithologists' Union.

Already a large sum of money has been collected, with the aid of a fine gift of £10,000 from Mr. Jack Cotton and innumerable small contributions as a result of an appeal in the *Daily Mirror*.

But the World Fund is ambitious; it is aiming at raising an income of £500,000 a year, from national appeals to be launched

in all the principal countries of the world. The address for money to be sent in Britain is: 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

How will the money subscribed to the World Wildlife Fund be spent? In the first place there will probably be SOS's from many parts of the world for urgent help. Such an SOS has already been issued by the Royal National Parks of Kenya for water to help save the wild animals there from

a terrible drought that has lasted for two years.

Another urgent problem exists in the Marismas in the south of Spain, where the marshes which contain the finest breeding colonies of many kinds of herons and other marsh birds in western Europe are in danger of being drained. A third danger threatens the unique animals and birds of the Galapagos Islands, including the famous giant tortoises.

There have been so many emergencies in the past, and so many

WHIPSNADE FOR PICNICS

Visitors to Whipsnade Zoo next year will be able to picnic in a new shelter, now nearing completion. It is 110 feet long, and will cost about £8,000.

About 100 people will be able to sit on benches at rustic tables, while enjoying views over Dunstable Downs.

appeals for funds, that people who wanted to help save the world's wildlife have not known which way to turn. In future they will know that they can send money to the World Wildlife Fund.

For the animals on the danger list, there is light at the end of the long tunnel at last.

RICHARD FITTER

United States eagle in danger

Americans fear that the so-called bald eagle, their national emblem, is in danger of extinction. This great bird with a wing span of seven feet is strictly protected, yet fewer than 5,000 are believed to be left in the country. President Kennedy himself has urged that these magnificent creatures should not be allowed to disappear.

The bald eagle got its name from its pure white head and neck, the rest of its plumage being dark to light brown. It appears on the Great Seal of the United States, on dollar bills, on the buttons of military uniforms, and elsewhere.

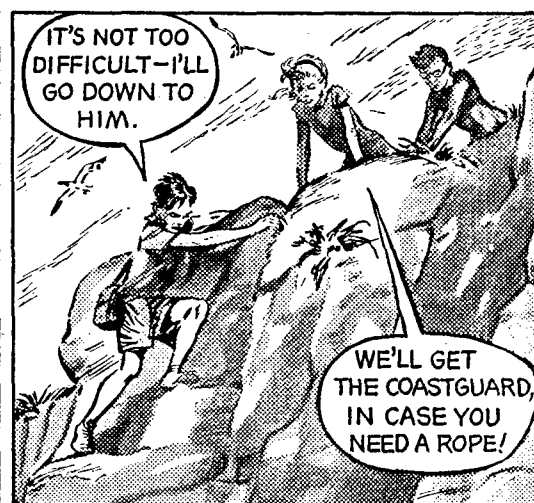
BILLINGHAM'S BUDGIES

Three Barnsley schoolboy brothers, Derek, Trevor, and Raymond Billingham, started three years ago with two £1 budgies and have built up a £300 stock of cage birds in their back garden.

This year the boys have bred 250 prize birds and sold enough to pay for equipment and bird food themselves.

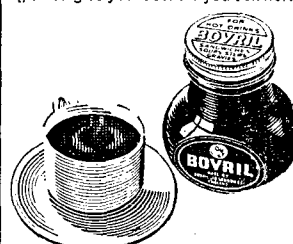
Explained Derek: "Many of the local experts have helped me a lot. The three of us spend most of our time cleaning, feeding, and working with the birds."

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The Gang Show

AND THE MAN BEHIND IT



Ralph Reader (left) gets together with some of the gang for a rehearsal—as he has been doing every year since 1932.

IT'S here again, writes Peter London, the most remarkable theatrical production of the year—the Boy Scout Gang Show. And once more the posters and bills announcing this year's run, which begins on Monday at London's Golders Green Hippodrome, have had slips pasted over them stating "all seats sold."

I know of no other production which can do that, for the pasted-over slips mean that all seats for the two weeks' run of the show have gone.

Once again the man who writes the Gang Show, directs it, produces it—does everything in a professional whirlwind of energy and drive—is Ralph Reader. This is his 29th Show.

are drawn from troops in London and the Home counties and all through the year Ralph in his wanderings as a Scout Commissioner keeps an eye on local Gang Shows for likely talent. There is

One is that Ralph shakes hands with each boy as he goes on stage on the opening night. Another is that in the finale the performers are always dressed in Scout uniform and red scarves embroidered with the words Gang Show.

"You can say that every night in the week a Gang Show is being played somewhere in Britain," Ralph Reader told me. "All those shows draw their material from our show—for nothing. And unless they use our material they are not allowed to call it a Gang Show. We have raised about £2,000,000 for the Scout Movement with our shows."

The interesting point about Ralph Reader is that he is not a theatrical producer doing shows for the Scouts. He is a genuine Scout of more than 40 years' service who became a Broadway dancer and later a top dance director and show producer. And remained a Scout.

For the first five years of the Gang Show his name was never mentioned in connection with the show at all. He was simply an anonymous Holborn Rover.

Today he is one of the best known Scouts of all.



Jack Beet lends Don Worts a helping hand as they get ready for a show.



Dinkie Rew (left) and Sid Palmer (right) have been in the Gang Show from the start. Now their sons Chris and Neal are in it, too. With them is the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean.

I talked to Ralph just after he had finished his other big annual job—the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall—and was on his way to rehearsals at B-P House, the Boy Scout HQ.

"The show is unique in terms of size," he said. "This year we shall have 120 performers, about a thousand costumes, about 18 new tunes, and how many new sketches I can't say, because I am throwing some out and putting new ones in all the way through rehearsals."

"It just has to be a team job and it is. We look upon the entire company as a Scout Troop. No producer could have a keener company. How those kids work. We are such a team that now the boys produce and print a daily newspaper for the company during the run. Goodness knows where they get the time or energy to do that and the show."

There is never any lack of applicants for the job. The waiting list is always about 500 or more. Gang Show boys

never any need to hold open auditions.

The Gang Show has now in fact become hereditary! For some years now, fathers who played in the earliest shows have returned to appear with their sons.

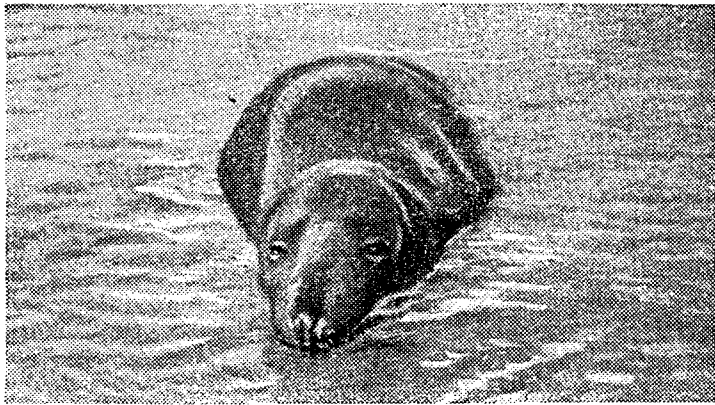
This year Sydney Palmer, from the very first show, is in with his 13-year-old boy Neal, and that veteran Ganger and pal of Ralph's, Dinkie Rew, has his lad Chris in the act.

"Well, you see we have to keep the show up to date and keep an eye on Dad," the boys say. And it is up to date, for rock 'n' roll and trad jazz influences are clearly found in one or two of this year's musical numbers.

The Gang Show has its traditions.



She met Sam the Seal...



Daphne Lawes of Hinton
Martell, near Wimborne,
Dorset.

...down in Dorset

WHEN I heard that Sam the seal was living in a little cove on the Dorset coast, not far from my home, I decided I'd like to meet him, writes Miss Daphne Lawes of Hinton Martell, near Wimborne.

When I reached the cove, which was under almost sheer cliffs, the tide was out, and it had left the great slabs of rock as slippery as ice. But there was no sign of a seal. So I called "Sammy, Sammy, Sammy," and to my amazement a grey head shot up at once, about one hundred yards from the shore, and started to move towards me.

Sam varied his progress by submerging different parts of his body, and sometimes only the grey curve of his back showed above the water. I waded in to meet him. Too late I realised I should have been in a swimsuit and flippers, not a cotton dress.

A whiskered brown-eyed face was drawing closer towards me. The head was more like an otter's than I had imagined, and small in comparison with the rest of the body. The nostrils closed when he submerged, to be re-opened on

surfacing. And when Sammy resurfaced, he blew his nose.

His ears were tiny, hardly more than pencil-marks on his head, and his smooth, grey-mottled body bore many scars, either of battles, or of being driven against the rocks. His front and back flippers had nails, and between the back pair was a small tail.

Turn-turtle trick

Once we had met, Sammy started to go through his repertoire. First on the list was the turn-turtle trick. He went over on to his back and slapped himself with his flippers. This I thought was a hint to me to slap him, so I did, and was amazed to find how fat he was. Once he guffawed, or what sounded like it, but I suppose it should be called a bark. He was very fond of holding either one's arm or leg in

his jaws. He had some very good jaws, too, with splendid teeth. He did not exactly bite, but once or twice he held on rather tightly.

In photographing him, I stood in the water with my legs well apart, to keep a good balance. At once Sammy dived between my legs.

He was between four and five feet in length, and it was with the greatest difficulty that I did not join him in the water. I made another mistake, too. When I sat on a rock, Sammy too decided he would like to sit down, but on my lap!

And that was how I met Sam the seal down in Dorset.

Radio Hobbies

The Radio Hobbies Exhibition is open from Wednesday to Saturday this week at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, London, S.W.1. Every type of transmitter, receiver, and television will be on show to tempt radio enthusiasts.

CURIOUS CURES FOR THE COMMON COLD

Atishoo! Atishoo! Every Winter (and Summer, too, for many) the common cold is one of the minor scourges of mankind, particularly in Britain's moist climate. And, unfortunately, that "a cold lasts a week if you treat it, and seven days if you leave it alone" still holds true.

Many cures for colds have come down to us through the ages. One was to make a drink by stewing pages from the Bible in fruit juice, and then swallowing it at bedtime.

In Japan, the traditional prevention for colds is to hang a flat spoon on your front door with the notice, "Hisamatsu is out."

Hisamatsu is a wandering spirit for ever being sought by his sweetheart O Some. And, says legend, wherever O Some looks for him, she always leaves a cold behind.

Onions for ailments

In days of old, munching a raw onion was said to be a sure way to cure a cold, whooping cough, fever, and many other ailments. The Romans, in fact, named 28 diseases they said an onion would cure.

Modern scientists have analysed the onion and found it contains a bountiful supply of substances similar to penicillin, aureomycin, and other wonder drugs "discovered" in modern times. But they discount the theory that an onion—or anything else—can either cure a cold or guarantee that you will never catch one.

Consumers' Association Ltd., has recently been testing all products that claim to help cold sufferers. In its magazine, *Which*, it declares:

"Short of never exposing yourself to infection, you cannot make sure you will not get a cold."

Contrary to what many think, colds are not caught by getting cold or wet. They come exclusively from viruses you catch from someone who has a cold.

But getting cold or wet does lower one's resistance to be able to fight off an invasion by the viruses.

Today, though, a cold can be turned to profit. The Medical

He's a real brick



This is a monument of bricks to a Bohemian knight. It stands in a field at Sudomer in Czechoslovakia, where Jan Zizka defeated the German Emperor Sigismund in the year 1420.

Research Council will give you a peaceful country holiday, plus pocket money, if you will let them try to give you a cold.

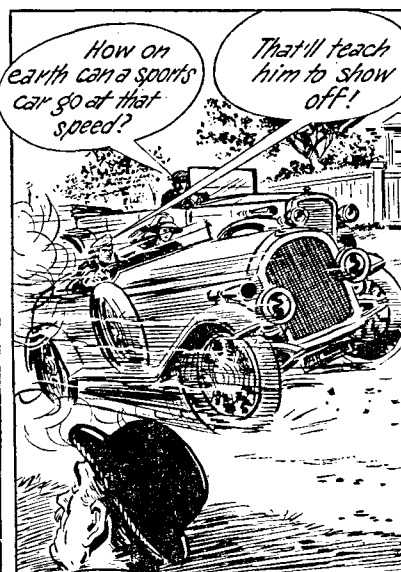
Details can be had from the Common Cold Research Unit, Harvard Hospital, Coombe Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

HARRY HAWKER—FLYING PIONEER AND RACING DRIVER (9)

With the arrival of the First World War, Harry became even more important as a test pilot. Between 1914 and 1918 he tested hundreds of planes,

delivering them to aerodromes all over the country and to France. The French pilots in particular were great admirers of his profound knowledge of

aircraft design and his brilliant flying. As a friend said: "Everybody turned out when they got to know that Hawker was in the air."



This is the sort of challenge that Harry couldn't resist. See next week's instalment

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David and Stephen are staying with David's cousin, Jill, at her father's hotel overlooking Loch Breckon. They become suspicious of Jacobs, the hotel porter, whom David has seen enter Mr. Howcroft's room.

On their way back from the village they are given a lift in Mr. Howcroft's car, driven by Senner, the chauffeur. Later that afternoon, Katie, the chambermaid, tells Jill and the boys that someone has broken into Jek's room. David gets into the room and finds a coat button and the charred fragment of a newspaper in the grate.

In the hall they meet Mr. Howcroft and Senner, and David notes that the button he found is identical with the buttons on Senner's suit—and that one of them is missing . . .

5. Was Senner in Jek's room?

MR. HOWCROFT led Senner towards the staircase, nodding to Jill and the two boys. He paused at the foot of the stairs, turning to his chauffeur.

"The garage have checked it, Senner?" he queried.

"Yes, sir. It was a leaky oil seal. They've fitted a new one."

Mr. Howcroft nodded. "And the spare tyre?"

"Not one of our size in stock," Senner explained. "But they're getting one from another garage. They'll have it by this evening. I said I'd go back."

"Good," Mr. Howcroft nodded again. "You'd better come up and I'll write them a cheque. You can take it with you."

What David found

As the two men went upstairs, Jill moved into the lounge, David and Stephen following her. The room was empty and through the window they could see Mr. Howcroft's car parked in the drive.

"You were about to tell us what you found in Jek's room, David," she reminded him.

"I know, but I couldn't talk in front of those two." David nodded in the direction of the stairs. "This is one of the clues I found." He took out the navy-blue button.

Stephen peered down at it.

"Doesn't look very important," he said. "Probably one of Jek's."

"I don't think so," David returned slowly. "I think it is one of Senner's."

"Senner!" exclaimed Jill, startled.

On the window-sill

"He's wearing a dark suit with navy buttons," David continued. "You probably didn't notice just now, but one of the buttons is missing. I think this is it. It was on the window-sill in Jek's room."

He turned the object over in his hand, gently pulling at the cotton still attached, while he quickly explained his theory of how it had got there.

"But it can't possibly be from Senner's jacket," Jill exclaimed when they had heard David out. "He wasn't here. You heard him tell Mr. Howcroft he'd taken the car to the garage. And he's got to go back there this evening for a

WHISTLE IN THE DARK

by Geoffrey Chelsworth

tyre. The nearest garage is at Cancaig."

"Looks as if that button off his jacket is just a coincidence," Stephen suggested. "We'd have a job proving it was his if he was in Cancaig this afternoon."

"If he was in Cancaig," David murmured.

"We could check with the garage man," Jill said dubiously.

"Hm." David pondered for a moment. "Maybe the car's been there, but it needn't necessarily mean that Senner drove it. Remember, before Senner left, Mr.

background is—and that he'd been acting a bit strange lately."

"Yes, I know. But why should Senner—and perhaps Howcroft—be interested in his room?"

"They might have been looking for something—like this."

David carefully drew out of his pocket the folded handkerchief. But he did not open it, for at that moment they heard voices in the hall. He stood still, his hand closed over the linen, looking towards the door.

"Mrs. McDee and Jacobs are back," Jill said. "That's Mrs.

paper must have disturbed it with a poker and this bit, drawn up into the flue, was not properly alight."

"But what does it mean?" Jill asked.

"Well, it's obviously a news story," David said. "What the details are we just don't know. But you can see what it is from the heading—someone's clothes were found on a beach somewhere and the owner of them was presumed drowned."

"Jolly queer that this newspaper should be in Jek's room and that he or someone should burn it," Stephen commented. "Recently, too, for surely the grate is cleaned regularly?"

"But it doesn't follow that it was a whole newspaper that was destroyed," David pointed out. "It might have been a number of cuttings—perhaps all to do with the same story. It must have happened some time ago because I don't remember reading about such a case."

Something odd going on

"But why should Jek keep them?" Jill asked.

"Why should Jacobs steal into Mr. Howcroft's room?" David countered. "And why should Senner—and I'm convinced he's the culprit now—break into Jek's room? And what did Jacobs report to that artist chap, Hagen, this morning? We don't know the answers, but the questions suggest there's something pretty odd going on here, Jill."

"Jek seems a decent fellow," Stephen said. "I think we—or one of us—should ask him point blank. He must know something."

"If he does, I'm sure he wouldn't talk," Jill said.

David's heavy frown lifted faintly.

"He might if we could get him alone somewhere and undisturbed," he said.

Before his friends could comment on this thought, they heard Mrs. McDee calling for Jill. David quickly hid the paper fragment in his handkerchief again, returning it to his pocket, and they went back to the lounge. Jill opened the door and found the house-keeper in the hall.

"Oh, there you are, Miss Jill," Mrs. McDee declared. "Your father's on the telephone, and I've said all I had to say. Would you be liking a word with him, dear?"

Jill glanced at David who nodded slightly.

"You can tell him we've arrived, if there's a chance," he said.

Newcomer

Leaving the boys in the lounge Jill went into the little reception cubicle and waited for Mrs. McDee to reach the kitchen. Then she picked up the receiver from the desk.

She was about to speak to her father when a man in a light raincoat approached from the front door and, glancing round the hall, suddenly saw her and came to the desk. He put down a large leather travelling bag and smiled at Jill.

"Don't let me interrupt your conversation," he said breezily. "But I wonder if you have a room? My car's broken down."

To be continued



"Swimmer's clothes found on shore—presumed drowned," Stephen quoted.

Howcroft went out for a walk. Supposing he waited for Senner down the road, and he took the car on to Cancaig and Senner stole back here?"

"Goodness!" whispered Jane. "That's an idea! You mean, he came across country from the road, through the gardens and into the yard, then up on to the out-building?"

"That's it," David nodded. "He's been here long enough to know the layout of the place. He knew practically everyone was out—probably thought we all were. But Katie's voice outside the door surprised him in the midst of his search and he made a hurried exit, not realising he'd left one of his buttons in the room. In his haste to get back to the road and wait for Mr. Howcroft he probably didn't notice one of his buttons was missing."

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"Looking for—this"

"But what would he be searching for in Jek's room?" Stephen wanted to know. "Why should he and Mr. Howcroft be interested in an hotel waiter?"

"We don't know that Jek's always been a waiter," David pointed out. "You told us yourself, Jill, that you didn't know where he came from or what his

Mc.'s voice. She's talking to Katie. Let's go into the music room."

They followed her through double doors on the farther side of the lounge into another large room with wide windows and easy-chairs. There was a black grand piano at one end near french windows which opened on to a stone terrace at the side of the hotel.

"This is really an annexe of the lounge," Jill explained. "Daddy still amuses himself on the piano when there's no one to hear him."

"It would make a nice study," Stephen observed. "But right now I'm more interested in what David's hiding in that handkerchief."

Newspaper cutting

David crossed to the piano and opened the handkerchief, carefully laying it on the closed lid. He flattened the fragment of paper out and invited his companions to examine it. As they read the blurred type of the column heading he told them how and where he had found it.

"Swimmer's clothes found on shore—presumed drowned," Stephen quoted. "They seem to be the only readable words."

David nodded. "I found it in the flue. I should say that Jek—or someone—when they burnt the

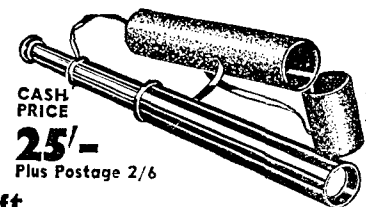
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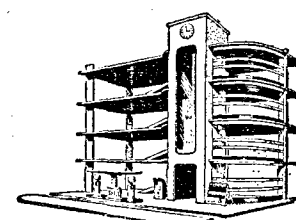
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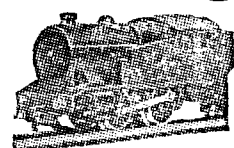
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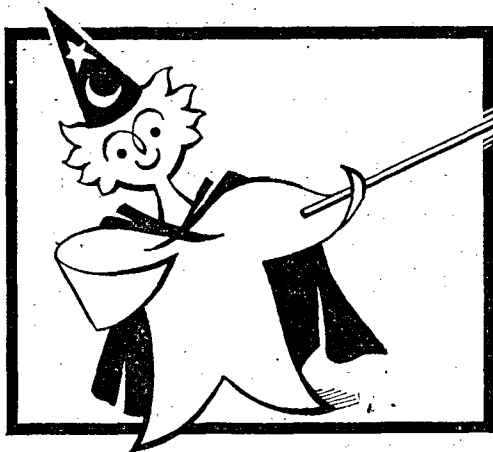


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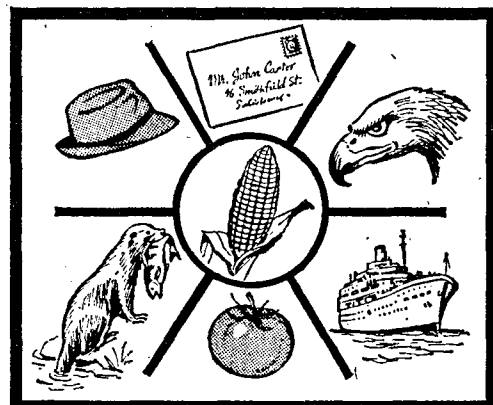


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GAS CURES WASHDAY BLUES!

Happy Venturers



The Venturers' Boys Club of South Ruislip, Middlesex, is to have a new headquarters. The boys are doing the work themselves, and here we see young David Metcalfe trying his hand with a trowel, with his "apprentice" standing by.

Robin for Christmas

An attractive picture of a robin on a bough in the snow is shown on the coloured stickers issued by the British Section of the International Council for Bird Preservation.

The stickers, in sets of 12 for 1s. 6d. or 20 sets for 25s., can be obtained post free from the I.C.B.P. British Section, c/o Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London, S.W.7.

KITE FISHING

Flying a kite is one way of relieving a lighthouse-keeper's boredom. And it is a way of fishing, too!

At Plymouth the other day Mr. A. J. Duplain, principal keeper of Eddystone Lighthouse, told how he and his mates passed the time by fishing, going on to the gallery and releasing a kite with 100 feet of line hanging from it. "We get quite a few meals of fresh fish," he said.

Other ways of passing the time included cards and chess, the making of mats and rugs, and watching television. And now a very high frequency radio apparatus allows a keeper to speak to his wife.

Now it seems that the lighthouse-keeper will know boredom no more—so long as he has a kite to fly.

Only one missing

Chester the lion at Yorkshire's only zoo, at Kirby Misperton, near Pickering, had toothache. Two local vets went into his cage and after putting the animal to sleep, pulled out the bad tooth.

Later, Chester successfully dealt with a big piece of meat with the rest of his teeth.

TOO MANY PRIZES

After winning Northern Ireland's best-kept small town competition for the fourth year in succession, Newcastle, a seaside resort, has been asked to stand down from the contest for a time to give other towns a chance.

HOSE-PIPE COAL

On a newly-developed £4,000 coal tanker, already used in Leicester, compressed air mechanism will blow small coal through 120 feet of hose-pipe at the rate of a ton every three minutes. It will be used mainly to deliver coal to factories where previously lifts had to be used to hoist the fuel into bunkers.

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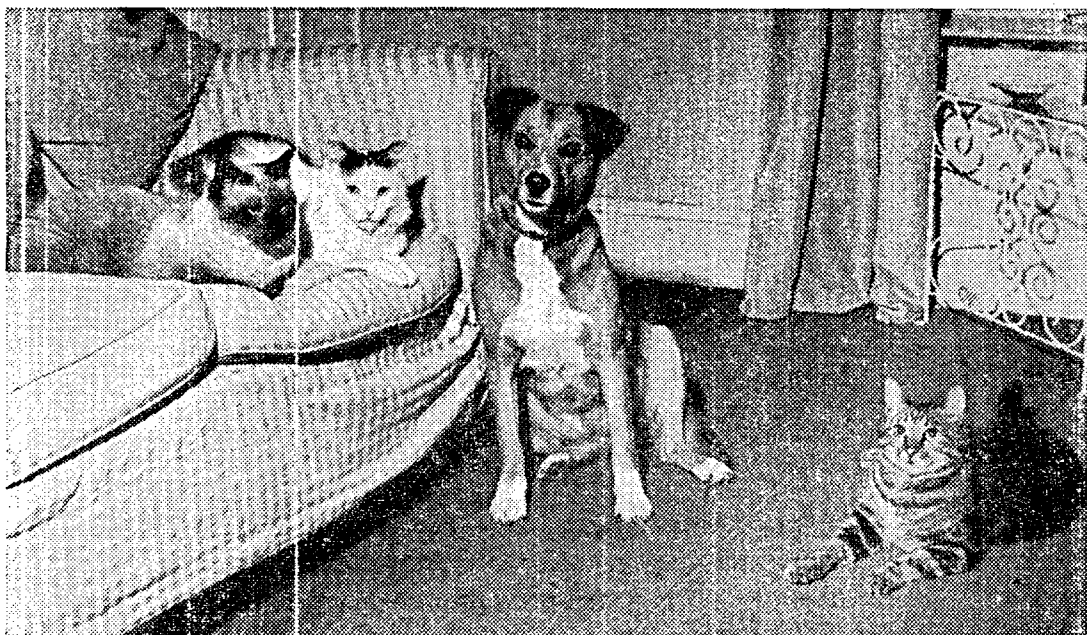
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The little girl, Susan, slipped off the sea wall near her home and was swept away by the tide. Johnny dashed into the sea and swam 40 yards to her rescue. Tommy helped him drag Susan ashore. She was unconscious by that time, but luckily Tommy knew how to apply artificial respiration. And it took eight minutes to revive her.

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TWICE CAUGHT

Fishing the River Severn at Shrewsbury the other day, with one rod in his hand and another lying on the bank beside him, an angler saw the latter suddenly shoot into the water and disappear. Casting over the same spot with the first rod he soon hooked a fish and when he reeled it in, up came the missing tackle still attached to a fair-sized pike.

Four friends—a dog and three cats—recently arrived from Africa at their new home in Hampshire, after six months in quarantine. All were once strangers, and here we can read of the events which brought them all together under one roof in a Kenya home.

THE dog, Wamboi, is an African cattle-hound—her Kikuyu name simply means “woman”—and she could be described as a refugee from Mau Mau.

One night a settlement—suspected of Mau Mau activities—was raided by the British authorities, and during the disturbance Wamboi seized the chance to escape. Somehow she made her way to the garden of a bungalow owned by Mr. and Mrs. George Dalglish, who found her there next morning.

Growing strong

In their care she grew strong and healthy, and responded by giving them all the affection of her quiet, gentle nature. She had been starved and neglected. She was quite untrained in any of the ways understood by dogs in Western countries, and was already full-grown.

But Wamboi quickly proved herself a perfect house-dog, intelligent, adaptable, and easy to train. Two of her companions were strays. Wilfred, a tabby cat, was found near a Girl Guide Camp, where he had come in search of food. The girls brought the forlorn little creature to Mrs. Dalglish, knowing her love for animals. So Wilfred went to the Dalglish's bungalow, and quickly settled to his new life of ease and security.

Jones was another cat, and he roamed the streets of Nairobi, wild and hungry, his only shelter a clump of bushes by the roadside. Mr. Dalglish passed this way daily, and saw the lean, ill-

kempt cat, obviously homeless and uncared for, but too timid and suspicious to be handled. Food and milk were taken to him every day, so that when he was tame enough to catch, he would be humanely destroyed. This seemed the kindest course.

The cat slowly grew confident, and the day came when he was tame enough to be lifted into the car, to be taken to the vet's.

But Jones, used now to kindly notes in a human voice, felt that things were looking up for him. Purring loudly he settled down on Mrs. Dalglish's knee. Well, a decision was made—and the car was turned for home. Jones was saved.

Foy the Siamese

Foy is a blue-eyed Siamese, and arrived on the same doorstep, on her own. She had been given away by her original owners, and did not settle with her new ones. So she had gone in search of other quarters and decided that the bungalow was the only place for her. It is no use arguing with any cat, let alone a Siamese. So Foy joined the family circle.

When Mr. Dalglish retired from the Colonial Service earlier in the year, he and his wife were determined that their Kenyan companions should not be left behind, and sent them home by air. The cats travelled in a triple-compartment box with large holes pierced in the dividing walls, so that they could see each other during this strange experience.

They had to spend the required six months in quarantine, but emerged in very good condition.

Wamboi and her friends are now settling down into the new life in England.

SIX IN A TRUNK

A hollow walnut tree in Tadzhistan, southern Russia, is big enough to be used as a stable for six horses.

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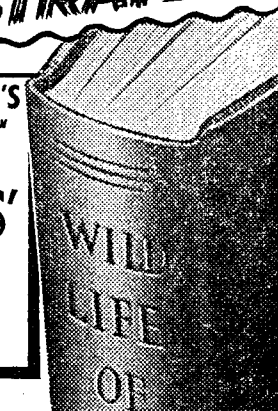
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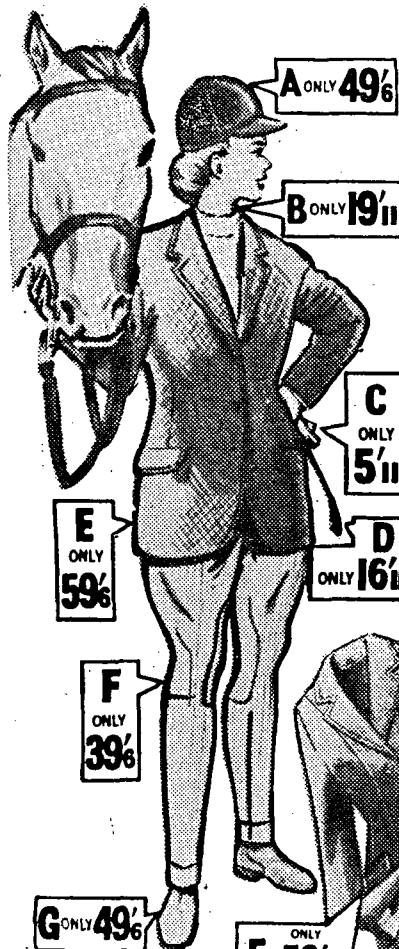
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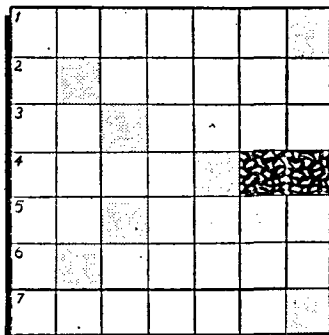


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PUZZLE PARADE

HIDDEN POET

The answer to each clue concerns a character in literature. Can you find the answers? If you do so correctly you will find that the letters in the shaded squares will, when re-arranged, spell the name of an English poet.

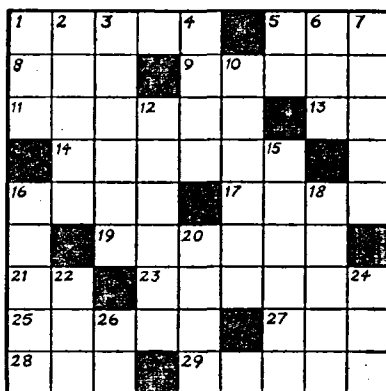


1. Crotchety old miser in one of Dickens' novels.
2. He wrote the *Canterbury Tales*.
3. Latin name of Odysseus.
4. Swedish chemist who gave his name to an annual prize for outstanding literature.
5. The *Seven* of Wisdom, by T. E. Lawrence.
6. One of King Arthur's knights.
7. One of Dumas' *Three Musketeers*.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Used on blackboards. 5 Shelter. 8 Slender round bar. 9 Details. 11 Warbles. 13 You and I. 14 River which joins the Thames at Reading. 16 There are 52 in a pack. 17 So. 19 Period. 21 In. 23 Warns. 25 Gem-studded coronet. 27 Bite. 28 Finish. 29 Fashion.

READING DOWN. 1 Sob. 2 Eastern tobacco-pipe. 3 Snakes. 4 Large oven. 5 French for the. 6 Australian flightless bird. 7 Donkeys. 10 Fly which causes sleeping sickness. 12 To make more beloved. 15 Spiky. 16 Packing case. 18 Till. 20 Alack. 22 Metal. 24 Society for Pure English. 26 Anno Domini.



Answer next week

17 letters make 3 birds

From the letters given below, cross out six letters forming the name of a British bird. Next, take away seven other letters making the name of the largest bird living. You are left with four letters to make the name of a bird of prey. All the letters are in the correct order in the names.

THOSHRTAURIWSHCHK

WORD SQUARE

SCOTTISH dress.

A notion.

Jump.

Narrow band of linen.

SEVEN FROM ONE

Insert between the rows of letters the name of a Russian who shot into the news not long ago. If you do so correctly, the letters will help form, when read downwards, seven complete words.

EWASCB

GNOTYNE

ADDING TO THE WORDS

The same two letters added to each of the short words below will provide the answer to each clue. See how quickly you can complete all the five-letter words.

- Wed. Unpopular plants.
Car. To frighten.
Pat. Swollen rivers are often in this.
Jan. Clothing.

Find the towns

The names of four towns in England and two in Wales can be obtained from the clues below. How quickly can you find all six?

- Organ of the body with a tiny lake
Graceful bird with lots of water
Battle and part of a candle
Article of clothing
Dark water
Tend the boiler

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

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I know, and hope you can go to college later on. Yours, Peggy. 17 letters make three birds. Thrush; ostrich; hawk. Adding to the words. The two letters are E and S—Weeds; scare; spate; jeans. Find the towns. Liverpool; Swansea; Warwick; Cardigan; Blackpool; Stoke. Spas wanted. Spa-niel; spa-ce; spa-rkling; spa-de; spa-ghetti; Spa-in. Looking ahead. December. Hidden poet. The re-arranged letters spell SHELLEY

SCROOGE
CHAUCER
ULYSSES
NOBEL
PILLARS
PELLEAS
PORTHOS

Seven from one.
EWASCB
GAGARIN
GNOTYNE

Word square.
KILT
IDEA
LEAP
TAPE

Spas wanted

The answer to each of the following clues begins with the letters SPA. See how quickly you can find all six.

- Type of dog
All around us
Gleaming
Garden tool
Italian dish
European country

LOOKING AHEAD

- My first is in dark but not in fair,
My second's in apple and also in pear.
My third is in cotton but not in thread,
My fourth is in scarlet and also in red.
My fifth is in farmer but not in plough,
My sixth is in branch and also in bough.
My seventh's in linger but not in go,
My eighth is in raven and also in crow.
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ALL WAYS TO 65

The figures in this drawing can be made to total 65 in a number of ways.

24	11	16	13	1
10	4	3	23	25
5	20	21	2	17
14	8	19	9	15
12	22	6	18	7

By adding the figures it will be seen that each row, column, and diagonal totals 65. The figures in each corner with that in the centre (21) make a total of 65. A cross of figures in the centre (3, 20, 21, 2, 19) also makes 65; and so does the combination of the figures at top (16) and bottom (6) of the middle column when added to the first, middle, and last figures (5, 21, 17) in the centre row. Finally, the diagonal cross formed by the numbers 4, 23, 21, 8, and 9 also totals 65.

Great Tit wanted a warm bed

ONE late Autumn afternoon, when Great Tit flew to the Manor garden in search of Winter quarters, he found the warm sleeping places already taken. But the bitter east wind told him he would freeze that night if he did not find a warm bed.

His search led him to the Manor outbuildings, and high in the door of one he spotted some ventilation holes, so inside he popped.

This was the gardener's shed. And on a bench lay an old shopping bag where bits of string for tying in the raspberry canes were kept. "Here's a fine bed for the Winter," said Great Tit, cuddling down inside.

But some nights later the bag had gone! The gardener had tied in his raspberry canes, and was now using the bag to carry his elevenes.

The doors of the next building, the garage, were open, however, so Great Tit flew inside. But the

iron girder beneath the roof where he perched was cold to the feet.

Then, presently, to his horror, the Monster with eyes fore and aft, whose home it was, returned, and backed noisily inside. The frightened bird watched Daddy get out of it, put a rug over the bonnet, and begin to close the garage doors.

"I can't stay here!" gasped Great Tit, making a dash for it.

He was not quick enough. Banging into the garage doors as they closed, down he fell dizzily on to the car bonnet.

But soon the warmth from its radiator, and the cosiness of the rug keeping that warmth in, lulled him to sleep.

In the morning light he spotted a gap beneath the rafters where he could get out. But next night, and the rest of the cold weather, he returned at dusk to wait impatiently for the monster's return, and his bed on its cosy back.

JANE THORNICROFT

Colour for a pirate bold

THIS will make a very attractive picture if coloured with paints or crayons. But first, paste on thin card and allow to dry before colouring.



CAN YOU READ THIS?



HERE is a letter which has been written in code. How quickly can you decipher it?

EUROPA SERIES IN SHORT SUPPLY

But don't blame your stamp dealer

If you have had difficulty in obtaining some stamps of the "Europa" series issued recently, do not blame your stamp-dealer. The series issued in Luxembourg, Iceland, and Turkey was sold out so quickly that many dealers in Britain were unable to buy supplies.



In Iceland the whole issue—one million series of two values—was sold on the first day. Most of the stamps were bought by Iceland dealers who hope to re-sell them later at a large profit.

The price they are asking at present is about 25s., but collectors who are willing to wait patiently may find that this price will be lowered. With a million specimens in existence, these stamps are never likely to be rare.

ANOTHER series on sale for only a short time is one celebrating the Royal visit to Ghana. The design, pictured here, shows a charming portrait of the Queen, with an outline map of Africa in the background.

The new stamp is one small aspect of the happy welcome given to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on the occasion of the visit.

Ghana is marked on the map and a grove of palm trees fills the



centre portion. Although on sale for only 13 days, the three stamps in this series are almost sure to be plentiful, for many Ghanaians will be using them on their letters.

UNITED NATIONS COVERS

STAMPS in aid of various good causes are planned for issue in the New Year. In April more than 50 countries will be issuing stamps to advertise the campaign against the tropical disease of malaria. It is being directed by the World Health Organisation, a special agency of the United Nations.

First Day Covers as well as souvenir sheets will be sold in many countries to raise funds for WHO to carry out its important task.

A TRIBUTE FROM SURINAM

Two historic stamps are being issued this month in Surinam, the former Dutch colony in South America. They honour the memory of Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary-General of the United Nations, who was tragically killed in a plane crash.

The stamps, one of which is pictured here, have a fine portrait of him with the United Nations emblem in the background.

As well as being a stamp collector himself, Dag Hammarskjöld was a great friend of the Director-General of Posts in Sweden, his



CHRISTMAS MAIL IN AUSTRALIA

THE special Australian 5d. stamp for use on Christmas mail has now been issued. Brown in colour, it shows an open prayer-book. On one page is the scene in the stable at Bethlehem and on the other a Christmas text from St. Luke's Gospel.

Norfolk Island, the Australian dependency in the Pacific Ocean, is also to have a Christmas stamp in the same design, but printed in greyish-blue.



native country. It is likely, therefore, that Sweden may also issue a stamp in honour of the late Secretary-General. C. W. HILL

MAGNETIC WARNING

The Automatic Warning System of Train Control has now been extended for use between Southampton Central Station and Worting Junction, near Basingstoke. Equipment, which includes big magnets, has been fitted to the track at 79 distant signals. The magnets operate a bell, a horn, and an indicator inside the driver's cab to tell him whether the distant signal is at caution or clear.

The extra warning system, which will be particularly useful in bad weather, is to be extended from Worting Junction to Waterloo next year. It had already been installed between Southampton and Bournemouth and between Worting and Exeter.

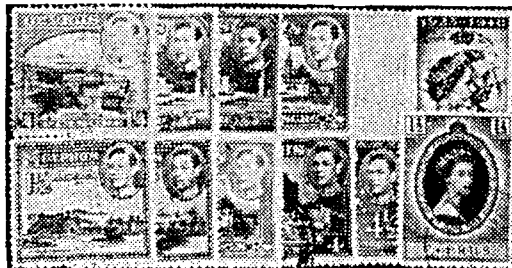
Money prizes for C N Readers

Well done, these five winners of C N Competition No. 8, each of whom has been awarded a cash prize of £1: Mary Collins, Kidlington; Anne Hogg, Melrose; Anthony Raymond, Norwich; Pauline Rogers, Shoreham-by-Sea; and Ronald Thomson, Turfiff.

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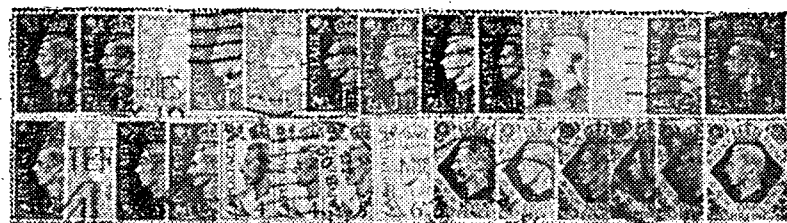
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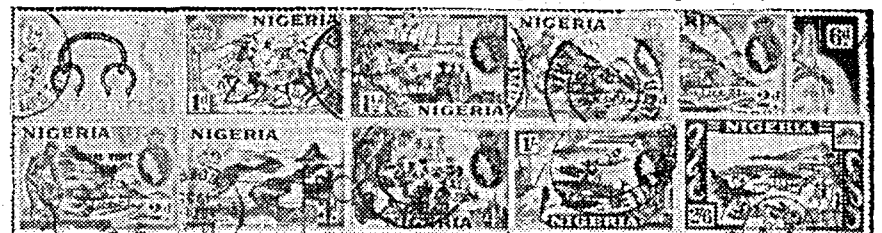
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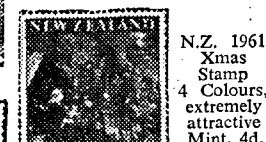
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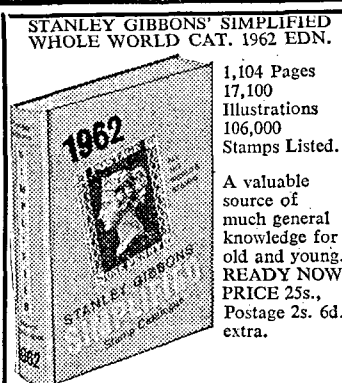
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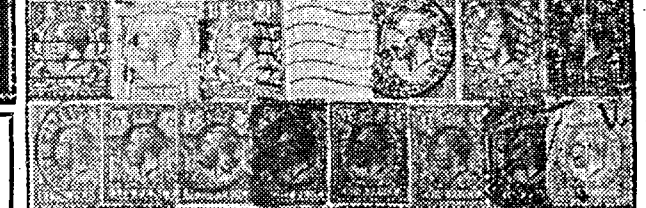


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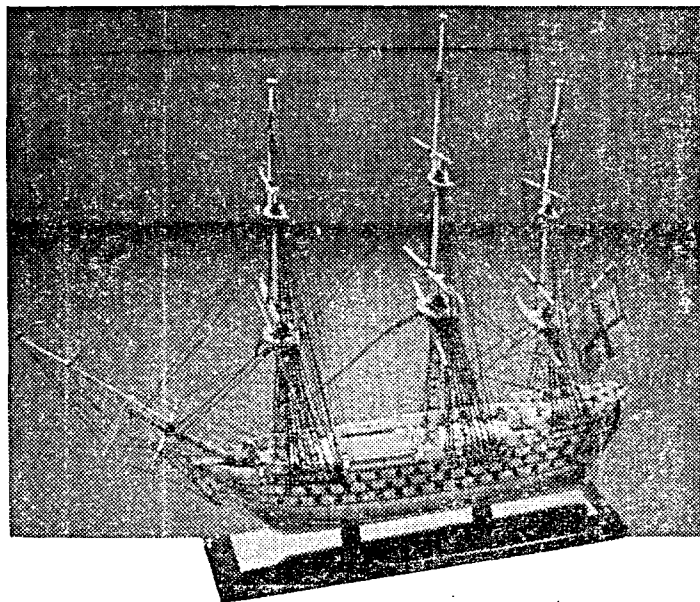


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Prisoners who made fine models



BESIDE the Great North Road, just north of Norman Cross, stands a stone pillar with a French Eagle on top of it. It commemorates the 2,000 men of Napoleon's army and navy who died as prisoners of war at the camp across the road. But there is a room in Peterborough Museum, where there are several hundred pieces of carved bone and straw marquetry (inlay work) made at the camp. And these are also a reminder of England's struggle against Napoleon.

By 1797, when we were fighting Napoleon, there were more French prisoners in England than could be accommodated in the old moored warships which had hitherto housed them. In order to find room for this increasing number the government decided to build a prison of wooden huts at Norman Cross, in Huntingdonshire, about six miles from Peterborough. So, for nearly 20 years, there were about 5,000 prisoners and their guards living there.

Colourful clothes

As France refused to pay for their upkeep England fed them, and they were clothed as civilians in yellow coats, red breeches, and blue waistcoats.

The Frenchmen were given permission to work at crafts in the prison and to sell the products. Many trades were established—boot-making, carving, paper-flowers, carpentry.

Carvings in bone

The carvers and their pupils not only used wood but collected all the bones from the kitchen to make models (such as the one seen above), toys, ornaments, and boxes. The most popular pieces were cribbage boards and domino boxes, all beautifully carved and now looking so much like ivory that many people refuse to believe that they are not.

For special customers they made bigger models. There is, in the

collection at Peterborough, a wonderful model chateau nearly three feet square which originally had a water tank in one of the towers. It emptied through a small spout on to a water-wheel and this, in turn, set everyone in the castle moving. Soldiers marched along the wall, a man in the courtyard sawed up wood, and a lady and gentleman on the balcony danced round and round.

Selling their wares

In order to sell these wares a regular market was set up outside the east gate of the prison. Picked men from each section were given permits to go through the gate and took their companions' work to be sold. Each article had to have on it the maker's name and the price, so that there was no haggling and every man knew how much should be brought back for his goods.

Generally, local people were the buyers. They cherished such good work and it stayed in their families often for a hundred years. So, even now, we know the Christian names of bone-carvers and straw-workers who served in Napoleon's army and were prisoners of war at Norman Cross between 1797 and 1816.

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18-YEAR-OLD CHOSEN FOR ENGLAND

Brian Wright wins table tennis honours

BRIAN WRIGHT, England's 18-year-old junior table tennis champion, gets his first senior "cap" this Wednesday when he appears in the team to meet Denmark at Copenhagen.

A Willesden clerk, Brian has not even appeared in the Middlesex senior county team, but he won his England place with a fine performance in the recent Top Ten tournament in London.

Competing against Britain's best players, young Brian won five of his eight matches.

The others in the team are Jeff Ingber, Ian Harrison, Tony Piddock.

Another young player making a name in table tennis is Roger Shaw, 16-year-old medical student at Wolverhampton Technical College.

Roger was born in Hong Kong—but his performances owe nothing to his association with China, the world's leading table tennis nation. In fact, until he went to live at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. a year ago, he had never played the game.

Recently chosen for Birmingham juniors, he will certainly gain higher honours before long, for he is already considered as one of our brightest prospects.

New bid for Jimmy Greaves

THE saga of Jimmy Greaves has long been in the news; the offers from big clubs were, of course, well known. But one approach came from—Lakeside United.

Never heard of them? Well, that's hardly surprising, for they play on Sundays in an amateur league at Romford, Essex.

Their player-manager-team selector, Alan Brown, wrote in his letter to Milan: "Owing to the

recent upset between your club and Mr. Greaves . . . we should like to offer a substantial sum of £75,000. We consider this to be adequate, as reports have shown you are not satisfied with his performances.

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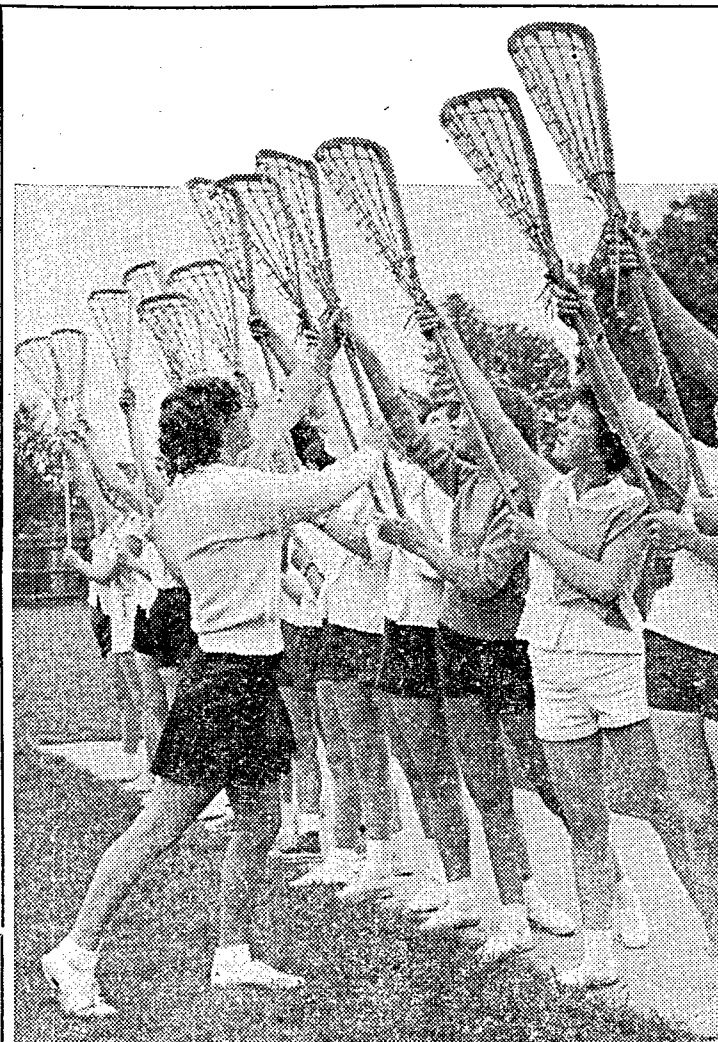
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Ireland looking for sixth win at Wembley

THIS week's international football match at Wembley between England and Ireland will bring back memories of one of the most sensational games ever played between the two countries.

It happened at Wembley just four years ago, when Ireland notched their first victory over England for 30 years, and only their fifth in the 68 matches between the countries.

Danny Blanchflower and Jimmy McIlroy, two of Ireland's heroes in 1957, will be making their 11th appearance against England when they play on Wednesday.

LANCASHIRE TEAMS STORM AHEAD IN SCHOOLS SOCCER SHIELD

LANCASHIRE Schools' "big two," Manchester and Liverpool, are going great guns in schoolboy football this season.

Liverpool, who are through to round three of the English Schools Shield, have a particularly strong side this season. Three of the team, Marshall, McCulloch, and Maher, were members of the Lancashire Schools side which met Yorkshire a fortnight ago. And two others, Hignett and Glover, were reserves.

Maher has already been watched by the England selectors and is favourite for the No. 11 international shirt this season. He re-

cently hit seven goals from that position in Liverpool's 18-0 Lancashire Trophy victory over Hindley Boys.

Manchester, who have already defeated London, are also through to the third round, as are Blackpool, whose centre forward Hurst hit four in the Lancashire trial and is tipped for international honours. Lancashire meet Cheshire at Stockport County's ground on Saturday week.

English Shield holders Barnsley have got off to a good start with wins of 12-0 and 7-0 over Gaskell and Spen Valley respectively.

